

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**1) CRM-M No. 13643 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.07.2015.**

Harpreet Singh Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent.

**2) CRM-M No. 16596 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.07.2015.**

Ranjit Singh Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NAVITA SINGH

Present:- Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate, for petitioner – Harpreet Singh.

Mr. B.S. Baath, Advocate, for petitioner – Ranjit Singh.

Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

NAVITA SINGH, J. (ORAL)

These petitions have been moved by the petitioners under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 67 dated 09.12.2014, under Sections 170, 171, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code of Police Station Qadian, District Gurdaspur.

The allegations against the petitioners are that petitioner – Harpreet Singh posed himself to be an IPS officer of Maharashtra Cadre while the other petitioner – Ranjit Singh posed himself to be Sub Inspector of Maharashtra Police and Reader to the IPS officer.

State counsel has shown the identity cards used by the

petitioners which bear their photographs.

It is submitted by counsel for petitioner – Ranjit Singh that the identity cards and the uniform were recovered from them and no further recovery is to be effected.

State counsel, however, per contra contended that more than Rs.64,00,000/- had been gathered by the petitioners by duping people on account of assumed identity.

Counsel for the petitioners relied on **Sanjay Chandra versus CBI, 2012 (1) SCC 40**, where the Supreme Court held that if the investigation was completed and charge-sheet was filed, there was no reason to detain the accused in custody, but all the same it was clarified that that would be so where there was no serious contention that if the accused was released on bail, he would interfere with the trial or tamper with the evidence.

In the instant case, the petitioners are the persons who had prepared fake identity cards and posed themselves as IPS officer and Sub Inspector and, therefore, there is every likelihood that if they are released on bail, they would interfere with the trial and/or tamper with the evidence. The possibility of their absconding cannot be ruled out if they are granted bail.

For the reasons given above, both the petitions are dismissed.

Copy of the order be placed on the file of connected case.

(NAVITA SINGH)
JUDGE

28.07.2015
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